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SUBJ: BRITISH RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR WAR CRIMES

1. BELGRADE DAILY POLITKA MAR 4 REPORTS THAT DRAGAN MARUNIC, AGE 68, WHO HAS RESIDED IN UK SINCE WWII, SENTENCED BY GOSPIC (CROATIA) DISTRICT COURT TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR WAR CRIMES IN 1942.

2. MARUNIC RETURNED TO YUGOSLAVIA JULY 1974 TO VISIT HOME VILLAGE OF METKO AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED BY SECURITY POLICE. CRIMES INCLUDED ALLEGED MURDER OF ONE CIVILIAN AND TWO POW'S.

3. ACCORDING TO BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCE, MARUNIC NOT RPT NOT BRITISH SUBJECT, SO THEY HAVE MADE NO EFFORTS HIS BEHALF. HAD MARUNIC HELD A BRITISH PASSPORT, LITTLE CONSULAR PROTECTIVE SERVICE WOULD HAVE BEEN AFFORDED ANYWAY AS BRITS DO NOT EXTEND SUCH PROTECTION TO DUAL NATIONALS IN COUNTRY OF SECOND NATIONALITY.

4. MARUNIC'S ARREST AND CONVICTION IS
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ANOTHER REMINDER (AS WAS CASE IN 1972 OF AMCIT

BOB PETRICH) THAT YUGOSLAWS NOT ABOUT TO FORGET
OR FORGIVE WAR CRIMES.
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